

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 2 June 2005 at the Aviators' Landing. It was the 202nd regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

2. Members present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch  
COL Herman S. Heath  
COL James E. Hyers  
LTC James R. Mellish  
CSM James W. Harris

CSM William Jolley  
SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary  
1SG Jackie Ray  
MSG John J. McCracken, Jr. (USAF)

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson, Unexcused  
COL Bob Bunting  
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)  
Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)

CSM Charles E. Frye  
SGM William J. Baker  
SMSGT Jean A. Woodruff (USAF)

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Jean Simmons, USAAMC  
Mr. Stefan Marks, AAFES  
Ms. Deborah Seimer, AG  
Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR

Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary  
Mr. Will Newman, RSO  
Ms. Barbara Hardbarger, TRICARE

3. In the absence of COL Bunting and CSM Frye, COL Crouch called the meeting to order at 1133.

4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

5. Old Business - None

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6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that the House passed the Defense Bill and the Senate was working on it. Some of the Senate amendments included Bill Nelson's change to have "paid up" SBP moved from effective Oct 08 to Oct 06 and Harry Ried's amendment to declare the VA unemployables 100% disabled.

c. Health Care – CSM Harris reported the next Health Care meeting will be on 21 July. He is seeking input from the Council members on issues to bring before that meeting.

d. Volunteer Program – No report.

e. Consolidated Club System – No report.

f. Commissary – Mr. O'Meara reported the construction at the commissary is all most complete. On 16–19 July all the shelves in the warehouse will be replaced. Making more room throughout the store and allowing for an increase in the variety of products offered.

g. PX – Mr. Marks stated AAFES will celebrate 100 years of service on 25 July. AAFES is joining the "Code Adam" Program which is an alert program if a child is lost in the store. AAFES will match prices at \$10.00 and below without an ad. Raymond Harris, a country singer, will be at the PX on 3-4 June at 1430. Anyone can call 1-800-713-1302 and record a message to be played overseas where soldiers are deployed. AAFES' has a web site which allows anyone to purchase a calling card that will be sent to military personnel overseas. There will be a "Tent Sale" on the last Friday of each month; the last two have been very successful.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the greens are in good shape. 24 June and 16 July will be demo dates at the golf course on the driving range from 1000 until 1400. A "two person best ball" tournament is scheduled for 18 June.

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported an Open Horse Show is scheduled for this weekend starting at 1000. The first Youth Summer Riding Camp will start 6 June.

j. Outdoor Recreation – 1SG Ray reported the "Day at the Lake" was a success. A Fish-a-Thon is scheduled from 10-19 June with fish valued from \$25.00 up to \$25,000 tickets are available at Big/Little Stores and the ITR Office. There will be a Bass Tournament on 16 July at the lake. The Hunting and Fishing Expo will be held at Yano Hall on 10 September 2005 with spaces available for 104 vendors.

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k. Bowling Alley – CSM Jolley stated the Bowling Alley renovation is complete except for the manager's office.

l. RAD – After the advisors were excused, the Council selected menus for the up coming RAD.

7. Advisors Comments –

a. COL Simmons stated that with the new numbers of personnel planned for Ft Rucker, the Clinic is expecting more medical personnel authorized.

b. TRICARE – Ms. Hardbarger stated she is working with the Clinic to provide more health care providers in the outlying areas. TRICARE is bringing on more area health care managers and will hopefully bring Troy Hospital into the network. The TRICARE Service Center is a walk-in center rather than a call-in center open Monday through Friday from 0730 until 1615.

c. Mr. Laster reported over 1,500 people attended the “Day at the Lake”. There will be a Fathers Day Brunch at the Landing. Last year bingo paid out \$490K in cash prizes. The name of the Directorate of Community & Family Activities has been changed to Directorate of MWR.

d. Ms. Seimer stated that AG would be going through equipment retrofit on 9–10 June which may slow down services at that time.

8. New Business – See RAD.

9. Co-Chairman’s Comments – None.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting is at the Aviators’ Landing, on 7 July 2005 at 1130.

Approved via email 6 Jun 05

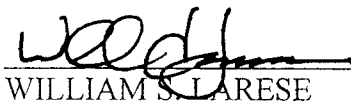
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